

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary so close to the election is a crime against democracy. I would rather watch a test pattern than more negative political propaganda.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more the same sound bite and spin news as the powers that be want to control the masses spreading hate, anger and fear. What we need for our democracy may not serve the interests of media giants. Perhaps the media giants should fund NPR and National Public Television so we have equal viewpoints. A public station for every corporate station. Then perhaps we could watch something other than an implanted twenty something drinking blended crickets and flea dung in a tube top and a thong. Or worse a smear campaign against a man who by most standards of has served his country long and well. OK so he's not Mother Teresa, but then neither is George.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.